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2 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

3 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

4
5 IVAN GOODLOW,

6 Plaintiff,

7 v.

8 GOMEZ,

9 Defendant.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00662-NODJ-BAM (PC)

ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFF'S REPLY
TO DEFENDANT'S ANSWER

(ECF No. 20)

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11 Plaintiff Ivan Goodlow ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma*
12 *pauperis* in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This action proceeds against
13 Defendant Gomez for excessive force in violation of the Eighth Amendment.

14 On November 30, 2023, Defendant answered Plaintiff's complaint. (ECF No. 16.) On
15 December 13, 2023, Plaintiff filed a response to Defendant's answer in the form of an opposition.
16 (ECF No. 20.)

17 In relevant part, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provide that there shall be a
18 complaint, an answer to a complaint, and, if the court orders one, a reply to an answer. Fed. R.
19 Civ. P. 7(a). The Court has not ordered a reply to Defendant's answer and declines to make such
20 an order.

21 Accordingly, Plaintiff's opposition to Defendant's answer, filed December 13, 2023,
22 (ECF No. 20), is HEREBY STRICKEN from the record.

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24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: December 14, 2023

26 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE